

Fredericksburg Area Local Human Rights Committee

Minutes- **DRAFT**

Regular Quarterly Meeting – February 22, 2013

Attendance and Determination of Quorum: Quorum met

Members:

Present: Lynn DelaMer, Debe Fults, and Nancy Sorrentino

Absent: Heidi Swale

Regional Advocate: Kevin Paluszak

Guest: Carrie Blackburn, DBHDS Dept of Licensing
Rachel Wright, FALHRC Committee Candidate

Affiliates:

Present: Dominion Day Services, Family Preservation Services, Family Solutions, Heritage House of Virginia, Intercept Youth Services, Lutheran Family Services, National Counseling Group, PEOPLE LLC, Restorative Youth Services, Wall Residence Inc., Serenity Behavioral Health

Absent: Wellness Group

Guests: Chuck Adcock, Family Counseling Center; Kavita Arora, Global Behavior Therapy Associates; Shirley Taylor, Orlando's Place; Geneva Collins, and Ray of Hope Living.

Starting of the Meeting / Review of Agenda: Call to order at 9:35am; sign-in sheet distributed; agenda reviewed with no adjustments.

Reading/Approval of old Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Nancy Sorrentino, seconded by Debe Fults; motion carried to approve minutes from October 26, 2012 meeting.

Public Comment: none

Old Business:

Restorative Youth Services – follow-up from October 26, 2012 meeting where policies and procedures and letter from Dept of Licensing with approval notification were requested to be brought to this meeting; none provided. Executive Session requested by Kevin Paluszak.

New Business:

Debe Fults distributed information about workshop on February 27th from 1-3pm sponsored by the disability Resource Center on "Individual and Family Support Program" presented by Cindy Gwinn, Community Support Manager with DBHDS.

Requests for affiliation or expanded / new services:

- **Ray of Hope** – Geneva Collins requested affiliation for new program; group home with 8 beds (5 bedrooms) providing residential services for 18 years and older located in Stafford

County; motion by Lynn DeLaMer, seconded by Debe Fults, passed with approval for FALHRC affiliation.

- **Orlando's Place** – Shirley Taylor requested affiliation for new program located on Route 3 that will provide day support services for 15-20 adults with ID. Special meeting will be held for affiliation request since no materials were received prior to the meeting.
- **Global Behavior Therapy Associates** – Kavita Arora requested affiliation for new program located in Westwood Office Park that will provide services for youth. Special meeting will be held for affiliation request since no materials were received prior to the meeting.
- **Family Counseling Center** – Chuck Adcock requested affiliation for new program located in Bowman Industrial Center providing outpatient addiction services to adolescent and adult populations, including intensive outpatient and medication-assisted detoxification. An addiction psychiatrist, Dr Gaettner, will be on site. He also is the medical director at Snowden. Special meeting will be held for affiliation request since no materials were received prior to the meeting.
- **National Counseling Group** – adding therapeutic day treatment services for King George County Head Start; MOU signed by King George with location to be determined. NCG currently provides TDT for Stafford County Head Start.
- **Wall Residences** – adding 5 sponsored residential placement providers located in Spotsylvania County; Pam announced that a new satellite office will be located in Fredericksburg at 225 Industrial Court.
- **Lutheran Family Services** – Diane Exner announced change in Developmental Services program; asked to discontinue affiliation requested for BTS services; announced Matthew Hescok was hired in the Richmond office and will be covering Fredericksburg area.
- **Intercept** – Kathleen Toms announced expansion of services to include crisis intervention and crisis stabilization services

Report of the Regional Advocate: Kevin provided an update on the Human Rights reporting system. He also informed committee that each LHRC determines how affiliate expansion of services is handled – some require attendance at meeting while others notify via letter. FALHRC committee members requested information on lack of timely notification of public comment for suggested revisions and comments on Human Rights regulations. Kevin was not aware and will check on this. Carrie Blackburn, Dept of Licensing, provided an overview of the licensing process and changes with intensive in-home services and serious incident/death reporting,

Treasurer's Report: No report

Report of Committee Members: Chair Nancy Sorrentino announced that reports were received from all affiliates with the exception of Restorative Youth Services and Wellness Group.

Reports from FALHRC Affiliates:

Dominion Day Services:	Present; report received
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Family Preservation Services:	Present; report received
Family Solutions:	Present; report received
Heritage House:	Present; report received
Intercept Youth Services	Present; report received
Lutheran Family Services	Present; report received.
National Counseling Group	Present; report received
PEOPLE	Present; report received
Restorative Youth Services	Present (left early) ; no report received
Serenity Behavioral Health	No report received, currently not serving clients in the Fredericksburg area
Wall Residence Inc.	Present; report received

Announcements:

Mental Health America of Fredericksburg announced:

- update of mental health provider/agency listing posted on website with 75-80 weekly hits; forms were distributed to affiliates that provide mental health support services for adults.
- New Rolling WRAP peer education and support group meeting weekly on Mondays from 6:30-8pm at Tomkins-Plaza building next to MWH.
- “In our own Voice” program sponsored by NAMI-Rappahannock – presentations by individuals with lived mental health experience available for agency in-service training for staff members; local contact information provided to schedule presentation.
- 6th Annual Walk for Mental Wellness on May 4th at Hurkamp Park – posters distributed for art contest to design shirt and event

Next Meeting – April 26, 2013

Adjournment of Open Session: 11:25am

Committee Member Interview conducted with Rachel Wright, consumer representative on FALHRC. Her application had been received and reviewed by committee members prior to the meeting. A special meeting will be held to approve her nomination as well as affiliation requests of 3 providers noted above.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Debe Fults, seconded by Lynn DelaMer, and passed to go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711 for the purpose of reviewing the care clients provided by Restorative Youth Services. Upon reconvening the Local Human Rights Committee certified

that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the closed session were discussed in closed session. The FALHRC requested that a letter be sent to the Dept of Licensing clarifying affiliation status according to FALHRC minutes, and expressing concern for the human rights protection of clients served by Restorative Youth Services. Kathleen FitzSimmons, the provider representative attending this meeting, left the meeting early.